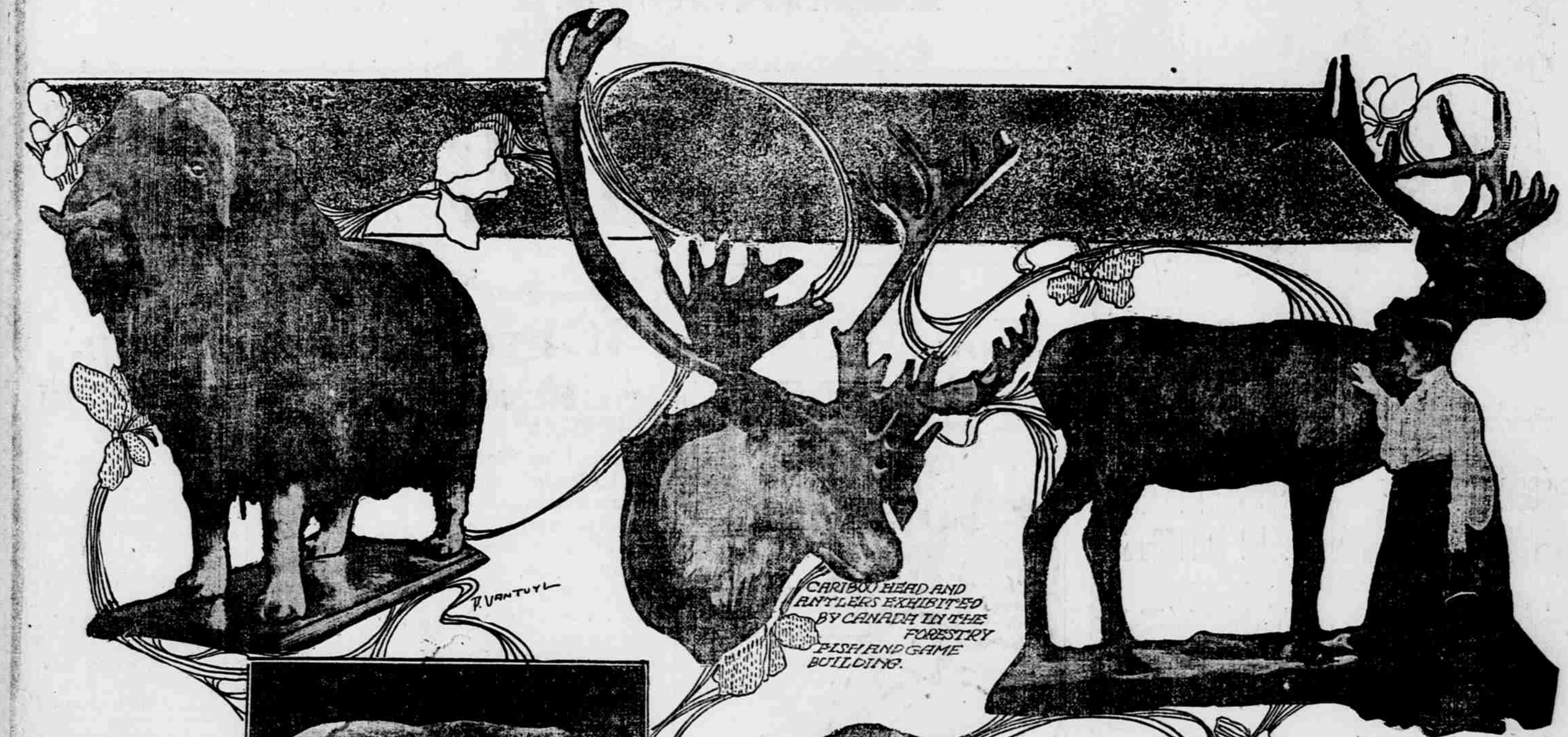


FUR-BEARING ANIMALS FORM AN INTERESTING STUDY AT THE WORLD'S FAIR.

Exhibit in Fish, Forestry and Game Building Affords Lesson in Character of Animals Whose Skins Are More or Less Costly—Art of the Taxidermist Shows What the Creatures Look Like in Their Habitat—Worth the Attention of Schoolboys and Girls As Well As Adults—Idea of the Big Game in the United States and Canada Is Given.



MUSK OX.
Part of Canada's exhibit in Forestry, Fish and Game building, valued at \$200.

There is a twofold interest for men and women in the Fish, Forestry and Game building at the World's Fair. This is in the cost of some of the furs, animals as set up by the taxidermist, and the heads, and also the animals themselves.

The study is fascinating. The habitat of many of the fur-bearing animals is but little known, and it is also but little known to the people, generally speaking, of the character of these animals—that is, what they look like.

In the Fish, Forestry and Game building, if you are interested in the subject, you can spend a day looking at the exhibits which some of the States have put in. It is a study in natural history, too, and the schoolboy and the schoolgirl should be interested in this exhibit fully as much as in anything else on the grounds. It is better than reading and pictures. You see the animals themselves, like life.

Canada, Colorado, Montana and Idaho have made extensive exhibits in furs, and there are several private exhibits, and, all combined, give one a most comprehensive idea of these fur-bearing animals. The cost of some of these furs will not be as great as one might suppose. One has an idea that because one's bank book is "walked upon by the elephant," to use a slang phrase, for a mink or a bob, the robes would cost the ransom of a King. This is not so. When one learns that a bear robe is worth only about \$50 one wonders why one paid \$25 just for a rug for the carriage.

It is also interesting to learn that fur-bearing animals are not becoming rapidly extinct, as many are led to suppose, but, on the contrary, with the exception of buffalo, are quite numerous.

In the exhibit, too, one gains a splendid idea of the big game of the United States and Canada, up to and within the Arctic Circle.

VARIETIES LIMITED.
There is a remarkable sameness to the furs shown. That shows that when you come down to a discussion on furs that you haven't a very extensive latitude into which to delve for new topics of conversation or argument, as the case may be. Probably six different varieties are shown and yet the exhibitors say that they have covered this continent thoroughly.

Another thing; one learns that there are many places in the United States and Canada where the furs are still wild, despite the fact that the majority of people are inclined to believe that outside of some of the Asiatic, South African or South American countries there is anything doing in the big game line.

It is true, as stated, that there is sameness about the robes or furs shown in the various exhibits, yet the display is very extensive and one sees furs and robes that tend to entice the dollars from the bank account were they to be sold. It is possible that one could not see such an exhibit anywhere else than in the Forestry building.

Colorado, which is the land of big game and fur-bearing animals, has an extensive exhibit with a striking entrance. It shows two big bull elk facing each other and a cow elk beside one. It is called "The Challenge," showing the battle between these two powerful beasts for the female. It is a live story in the wild. One possesses the cow and the other seeks to take her away.

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MOUNTED POLAR BEAR
In Canada's game exhibit.

and, naturally, the holder proposes to resist the attempt with his life. The Colorado booth represents a mountain upon which are deer, elk, bear, mountain lion, wildcat, mountain sheep and other game. Inside there is a brown bear rug that is a wonder. It is worth about \$1,000 and is eight by six feet in size. The bear was a famous brute in the White River country in Routt County, Colorado, and was known as "Two Toes" because all but two of his toes on one foot had been snapped by a trap three years ago, and it was a little more than a year ago that he was killed. He had killed of the men who shot him.

MOUNTAIN LION RUGS.
There are some magnificent mountain lion rugs that range from \$30 to \$50 each and there is the rug of a white wolf that is worth \$250. These wolves are exceedingly rare, which accounts for the high valuation placed upon it, and it is the rarity as to size that makes the rug of the brown bear mount up to four figures. There is a lynx rug that is worth \$80; it is also very rare. Some of the bear robes are worth \$20 and some are not worth more than \$10. Colorado also shows a complete set of furs made by a woman in Colorado Springs.

One of Colorado's cinnamon bear robes is worth \$300. It is of great size and the head is perfect. Aside from these there is a large display of robes and skins of bear, and rugs that are made from mountain lion, mountain sheep and also from deer and elk that range from \$20 up to \$100. This gives you something of an idea of what the "shows" of Colorado is.

One of the "shows" of Colorado is a pair of buffalo horns from a buffalo which was killed by a hunter in 1882. Mink, wildcat and lynx and fox furs are also shown by Colorado, the prices of which are \$15 up.

Montana shows practically the same furs as are shown by Colorado, and that State also shows something in the natural history line that is out of the ordinary. For instance, there is a huge bison, which was killed a year ago on the Flathead Indian reservation in Montana and is owned by Frank Meers of Helena. It is an unusually fine specimen of the American bison and is valued at \$1,000. Another exhibit is a pair of white mountain goats that were killed on the Mission Ridge in Western Montana and which are valued at \$200. They are pronounced the most perfect specimens of the mountain goat extant.

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gives you an idea of the kind of animal he is. There is a black wolf in the exhibit owned by Senator McCormick of Montana that money couldn't buy. The animal is very rare, and aside from this he had worked hard in the Senator's cattle before being killed. So pleased was the Senator with this killing that he gave the man who did it the \$250.

There are some fine bear robes in the Montana exhibit that attract much attention and which range in price from \$50 to \$150 for each. The robe of an old grizzly bear is worth \$150. It is called perfect. One thing that may be of interest is that the rugs and robes of the grizzly bear are considered more valuable than those of the brown or black or cinnamon bears and rank in value, therefore, with the polar.

Montana also shows a group of three deer of the black tail variety that are valued at \$100. In addition to these there is a large display of heads of mountain sheep, mountain lions, wildcats, bobcats, lynx, bear, fox and the like.

There are no ready-made furs in the Montana exhibit, indeed, the one display which has been made is that of the skins of the animals that one can see in the building. The States making the exhibits have in the endeavor to show their respective big game and the rugs and robes that can be made from them.

IDAHOO PUTS.
Idaho has gone extensively into showing rugs and robes of the fur bearing

Montana shows largest buffalo at World's Fair, in the Forestry, Fish and Game building. This specimen is valued at \$1,500.

animals of that State, and, therefore, there is a big display of bear, mink, elk, lynx, deer skins and the like that range all the way from \$2 each up to \$30 each, and some of the finest specimens are valued at from \$100 to \$200.

Idaho shows several fine specimens of the grizzly bear rugs that are valued at \$150 each. These rugs are considered as fine as any ever produced and there are rugs of the brown and black bear from \$20 to \$50. The animals were killed in the mountains of Idaho and many of the rugs were brought to the Fair from private collections. In fact, both Colorado and Montana have drawn on private collections for their display specimens. But the men in charge of Idaho, Montana and Colorado will tell you that the animals were killed in their respective States.

Idaho has also gone in for rugs made of the skins of deer and coyotes, Rocky Mountain goats and mountain sheep that prove interesting to those who may, perchance, have considered these rugs as unsatisfactory as compared with those of the bear. These rugs or robes range in value from \$10 up to \$50.

One of the exhibits of Idaho is an albino buck deer that is out of the ordinary and is said to be very rare indeed. He is a fine animal and is perfectly white. Canada is the game-hunter's paradise and naturally the exhibit from Canada is very large. Canada has some game that we do not have in the United States and Canada counts in a large section of the polar regions that are not within the boundaries of the United States, although our Alaskan possession crosses the Arctic circle. Canada shows comparatively few rugs or robes, and those are of the varie-

ties shown by the Western States of this country. Canada has gone in for the animals themselves and the exhibit is particularly fine.

CANADIAN GAME.
The musk ox dwells within the Arctic circle above Edmonton and he is one of the big game animals peculiar to Canada. There are several specimens of this big fellow in the Canadian exhibit that are estimated at \$500 each. There are several of his rugs shown that are valued at \$250 each. The musk ox, contrary to general belief, is not becoming extinct as rapidly as supposed; he is being slain in large numbers, and the Dominion Government has taken steps to prohibit this indiscriminate slaughter.

Another peculiarly Canadian game animal is the caribou. Canada has some caribou that are very fine. The caribou is a fine animal and is perfectly white. Canada is the game-hunter's paradise and naturally the exhibit from Canada is very large. Canada has some game that we do not have in the United States and Canada counts in a large section of the polar regions that are not within the boundaries of the United States, although our Alaskan possession crosses the Arctic circle. Canada shows comparatively few rugs or robes, and those are of the varie-

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WRIGHT SAVES WIFE'S LIFE.
Prominent Minnesota Politician Pluckily Stops Runaway.
St. Paul, Minn., May 7.—Colonel F. P. Wright, Republican candidate for Mayor, saved his wife, Mrs. Henry Pratt of Calumet, Mich., and himself from serious, if not fatal, injury in a runaway.

The party had just entered the carriage before Mr. Wright's house when the runaway occurred. The horses were frightened by the slamming of the carriage door, and the driver, John Durham, who was standing on the ground, was knocked down and run over.

Colonel Wright opened the door, climbed into the driver's seat, stepped down upon the tongue, and, holding to the dashboard with one hand, managed to gather up the reins with the other. Climbing back, he began to pull the horses down, and by the time Selby avenue was reached had them under control.

One of the largest elk specimens in Montana's game exhibit.

mal is the moose. He is very plentiful and his habitat is in the whole of the northern Provinces. The heads only of the moose are shown, and they are valued at from \$70 to \$100 each. Moose are considered among the gamiest of animals, and a bull will put up a stubborn fight if wounded and cornered, and his thick skin makes him difficult to kill. The hunter must needs have steady nerves to bring down these powerful beasts.

Caribou are very common in the northern Provinces of Canada, and their heads are worth about \$25. There are rugs of the caribou worth \$30. The caribou has spreading antlers and a pair of antlers or palms that comes down over his face, thus protecting his head and his eyes when he is in a fight. Caribou is another game animal and one that is much sought after by hunters.

Canada shows beaver in profusion, but the killing of beaver is prohibited in Canada, as they were becoming rapidly exterminated. The law against killing one is very severe. A beaver as it comes from the taxidermist is valued at about \$50 and small rugs are worth about \$20 and \$30.

Canada has some of the finest polar bears ever shown in any exhibit. These of course come from the polar regions and are snow white. One is shown erect that stands nearly 3 feet, while there is not one of them under 2 feet. One of the polar bears stands about 4 feet in height and 7 feet in length, and is as white as cotton and is considered a remarkably fine specimen. It was estimated that these polar bears were worth about \$200 each.

In addition to these exhibits of game and furs there is an extensive exhibit in the Fish, Forestry and Game building of birds. Many of the latter are of the plumage variety and are exceedingly beautiful.

Some of the exhibits have not yet been unpacked and some have not reached the building, but it is expected that by the latter part of this month every exhibit will be in place, when the display of furs and animals and birds will, it is claimed, be the most complete ever shown in any exposition in the world.

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MARINES SAVE HUNTER BURIED IN QUAGMIRE.

Death Neared Every Moment, as Aged Man's Body Was Entirely Submerged.

REPUBLIC SPECIAL.
Philadelphia, May 7.—After he had sunk to his neck in League Island Lake swamp Larry Hayden, a well-known frog hunter, was rescued by a party of marines after he had called two hours for help.

The mud and ooze that was dragging him by inches to his death was almost touching his chin when the marines were attracted by Hayden's despairing moans.

Hayden, who is 50 years of age, lives in a little frame house on the marshland, a quarter of a mile east of Broad street, and makes his living by hunting and fishing.

Lately he has been reaping a harvest by his catch of frogs which he disposes of at a good profit to a clientele of epicures. For ten years he has made the rounds of the swamps and pools. He knew every foot of the territory and was certain he knew every treacherous spot.

HUSBAND AND WIFE IN RACE TO POLICE STATION.

Woman Arrived First and Caused Man's Arrest on Charge of Disturbing Her Peace.

REPUBLIC SPECIAL.
New York, May 7.—Felix Stevenson and his wife ran a foot race from their home to an East Side police station to see which of the two should be arrested.

It was at the junction of a family far that somebody drew a gun, the husband declaring that it was the wife.

"I'm for the police station," he yelled, running out of the door. His wife followed.

For blocks it was nip and tuck, and it was not until they neared the station that the nimble woman began to outstrip the clumsy man. She had him arrested.

BEAR CHASES MAIL CARRIER.

Frightened Man Deserts Bicycle and Flees on Foot.

REPUBLIC SPECIAL.
Everett, Wash., May 7.—Ray Smout, temporary carrier on the Getchell rural delivery route, running from Everett, went out on a bicycle to inspect the country through which he will be compelled to travel. His wheel broke down near Marysville, but he completed the distance just about as fast as he would had he been riding. In fact, Smout says he went faster after he got off the wheel than he did before, for he had an incentive.

Just after the wheel gave out he heard something snuffling behind him. He turned and saw a large black bear, usually strolling along in the rear. He quickened his steps and the bear followed him. He started to trot and the bear followed him. He started to run and the bear followed him. He started to run and the bear followed him.

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TRAVELER LOST ALL BUT LIFE IN RIVER.

Aged Man, Victim of Many Misfortunes, Is Compelled to Walk Miles to Home.

REPUBLIC SPECIAL.
Columbus, May 7.—John Lemon, an aged farmer, whose home is in Preble County, is a victim of the most unfortunate circumstances, according to his story told at police headquarters. Lemon is en route from West Virginia to his home, and is "footing" it. The old man, who is aged 72 years, had been visiting in West Virginia. He traveled to that State in a spring wagon, and at the place mentioned, while crossing a bridge over the creek, the structure collapsed, precipitating the old man and his outfit in the water. His horse was drowned, his wagon swept away and his coat, in the pocket of which was all his money, over \$10, lost.

Wedded Wife's Daughter.
San Francisco, May 7.—Hugo Fuchs had been married twenty years when he had the marriage set aside on the ground that it was illegal; and no sooner was the decree of annulment given than he got a license and married Selma Anderson, the daughter of the woman from whom he obtained the legal separation.

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